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Row over renaming Princess Road as 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga'

City BJP stages protest

● Cops foil silent march ● Hundreds of protestors detained and released

Hundreds of BJP activists, sporting black head and arm bands, staging a dharna in front of Swami Vivekananda Statue located on 'Princess Road' in Yadavagiri, Mysuru, this morning.

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (RK&BS)- Hundreds of BJP workers led by City BJP President L. Nagendra and Rural President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, staged a protest in front of Swami Vivekananda Statue at Cheluvamba Park on KRS Road (Princess Road) in city this morning, strongly voicing their angst against the proposal to rename the road as 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga.'

However, the heavy contingent of Police deployed on the spot, took the protestors into preventive custody, thus foiling their plan to take out a silent march till Princess Krishnajammanni TB (PKTB) Sanatorium, on the same stretch of the Road.

The protestors demanded that Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) that has issued a notification inviting objections to rename the stretch of KRS Road as 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga,' should drop the proposal, considering the historical documents that are available substantiating the naming of 'Princess Road.'

(See PROTEST on page 7)

To Our Readers

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Cabinet nod for new bus stand

KSRTC had prepared DPR to build new bus stand in Bannimantap at an estimated cost of Rs. 120 crore

Bengaluru, Jan. 3 (KMS&BS)- The State Cabinet has approved the proposal to build a new bus stand with state-of-the art facilities at Bannimantap in Mysuru at an estimated cost of Rs. 120 crore.

With this, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has announced a good news with the dawn of new year, for the people in his home town Mysuru, that is already developed in a comprehensive manner, boasting of various basic infrastructural facilities.

The new bus stand will come up on 14 acres area on Nelson Mandela Road in Bannimantap, where KSRTC owns 61-acre land adjacent to its depot. Once the project becomes a reality, the rural bus stand in the heart of the city will be shifted to the new bus stand.

It will be equipped with facilities like simultaneous parking facility for 100 buses and space to park 30 electric buses at a time, to recharge the battery, as mentioned in the blue print of the bus stand.

The proposed bus stand will be having a ground floor, cellar and parking lot estimated to cost Rs. 65 crore. The second phase of works shall include a commercial complex and other facilities estimated to cost Rs. 35 crore and other works, totalling Rs. 120 crore.

The action plan also includes provision for complete basic amenities for the convenience of the commuters and a park.

B. Srinivas, Divisional Controller, KSRTC Rural Division of Mysuru said, with the city witnessing a rapid growth, there is an increase in the fleet of buses operated on intra-city and inter-district routes. Following this, sub-urban bus stand witnesses congestion at times.

Taking these pressing factors into cognisance, a proposal to build a new bus stand in Bannimantap had been submitted to the Government, along with a Detailed Project Report (DPR).

Recently, KSRTC Managing Director V. Anbukumar had inspected the land for the new bus stand, belonging to the bus depot in Bannimantap ■

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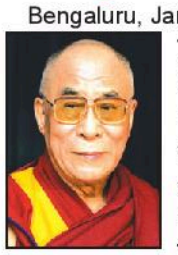
Mysuru, Friday 3rd January 2025

The Dalai Lama to arrive at Bylakuppe on Jan. 5

Tibetan spiritual leader to retreat and rest at Bylakuppe for a month



Dalai Lama

Bengaluru, Jan. 3 (Agencies)- Tibetan spiritual leader, the 14th Dalai Lama, will arrive in Bengaluru on Jan. 4 and depart the following day for Bylakuppe in Mysuru district.

Confirming his visit to Karnataka, Jigme Tsultrim, Chief Representative Officer (CRO) of the South Zone, Central Tibetan Administration (CTA), said, "His Holiness the Dalai Lama will be arriving in Bengaluru on Jan. 4 and will stay for a day before heading to Bylakuppe, where he is scheduled to remain for a month."

The Dalai Lama last visited Karnataka in 2017. Bylakuppe, home to approximately 15,000 Tibetan exiles, is the second-largest Tibetan settlement globally, following Dharamsala in Himachal Pradesh, which serves as the headquarters of the Tibetan government-in-exile.

"Winters in Dharamsala are quite harsh. His Holiness is visiting Karnataka for a month-long retreat to rest and recuperate. Depending on his health, he may conduct teachings and grant audiences at Tashi Lhunpo Monastery in Bylakuppe," Tsultrim said.

The 89-year-old spiritual leader underwent a knee transplant in USA in June 2024 and returned to India in August. The Dalai Lama is expected to spend the winter months of January and February in Bylakuppe.

Karnataka hosts five Tibetan settlements: Lugsung Samdupling in Bylakuppe (established in 1961), Doeguling in Mundgod (1966), Dickey Larsoe in Bylakuppe (1969), Hunsur Rabgayling (1972), and Kollegal Dhondenling (1973).

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

WHAT SHLOKAS SIGNIFY IN THIS LOKA: ***Is there even a dearth for shlokas in our tradition, in the holy land we call Bharata? Shlokas are the hymns that are recited in praise of our gods and goddesses, where the recitation helps focus our minds on any one form of our favourite god. This focus is a key ingredient in one's spiritual progress to arrest the mind from naturally going astray engrossed in a plethora of external objects of desire.***

Karagre Vasate Lakshmi... ***is a mantra that is recited as a morning prayer when we wake up from the bed to seek protection and blessings for more knowledge, wisdom, wealth, and more goodness as one's gaze is fixed on our palms.*** *Gange cha Yamune cha...* ***is another one recited while in the act of bathing asking for the water to be enriched to its highest purity with the god's presence in there. We do recite Sanskrit mantras before eating, when we go to sleep, also before many daily chores. We invoke god's blessings through recitations at commencement of new projects.***

Then, there are the lokas — earth (bhuloka), heaven (svargaloka) and hell (narakaloka) or the other fourteen lokas — the seven higher and the seven lower ones. While on earth in this mortal body, it is said that recitation of shlokas help cleanse our minds. This is an important prerequisite during our journey here to qualify to a higher loka after one's death, rather than fall into the precipice of the lower ones.

In our spiritual journey, deep cleansing of our mind of its turbulent thoughts is termed Chitta Shuddhi, which once again is a key towards 'self-realisation' in Advaita Vedanta. Shloka helps to single-focus our mind in any activity we do — be it the worldly chore or the remembrance of the Almighty.

A pinnacle of this is said to be reached if we engage ourselves in worldly affairs, while staying steadfast with a quiet shloka recitation in the back of our mind.

When our minds are in auto-pilot mode with deep faith of the positive effects of a shloka recitation, it is termed the state of ajapa, meditation without extra effort. A calm mind provides the clarity to think better and what better way than shloka recitation in this loka?—Prasanna S. Harihar in Deccan Herald

NEWS SPARKLERS

Students in hospital after 400 pushups in 50 minutes!

Austin: A team of Texas high school students is being sued for allegedly forcing players to do up to 368 pushups in under an hour during a gruelling training session that put their lives at risk.

Former Rockwall-Heath High School coach John Harrell and a dozen assistant coaches stand accused of having junior varsity football players do nearly 400 pushups with no rest and no water breaks in a 50-minute training session that landed some of them in the hospital for several days. According to a lawsuit filed by one of the players' parents, on Jan. 6, 2023, dozens of junior varsity players hoping to make the varsity team were punished for every mistake made during their 50-minute training session with 16 pushups. There were 23 mistakes counted, so they had to do a total of 368 pushups. Following the grueling workout, 26 players were diagnosed or had symptoms of rhabdomyolysis, a potentially deadly medical condition that causes muscle tissue to break down and enter the bloodstream.

Stolen baby Jesus statue returned with apology note

Colorado: Police said that a baby Jesus statue reported stolen from a nativity scene was anonymously returned to a fire station with an apology note.

The Fort Collins Police Department originally posted on social media that the baby Jesus statue was taken from the nativity scene at Old Town Square.

The department said in an update that the statue was anonymously dropped off at Poudre Fire Authority Station 1 in Fort Collins four days after the theft.

The statue had a note taped to its face, reading: "I am really sorry. I made a dumb mistake in the moment. It won't happen again."

HEALTH CAPSULE

Common symptoms of pneumonia include fever, cough, shortness of breath, chest pain, and fatigue. Symptoms can range from mild to severe. Supportive care, including rest and adequate hydration, is also essential.

By Dr. Lakshmi Narasimhan R - Consultant - Pulmonology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Dr. M.G. Manjunath takes charge as Music Varsity Registrar

University of Mysore Kannada faculty and Dean of the Department of Studies in Arts, Dr. M.G. Manjunath *(centre)* ***took charge as the new Registrar (Evaluation) of city-based KSGH Music and Performing Arts University on Monday. The Government had earlier issued an order appointing Dr. Manjunath as the new Registrar (Evaluation) on deputation, until further orders. Picture shows Music Varsity Vice-Chancellor Dr. Nagesh V. Bettakote*** *(extreme right)* ***greeting him with a bouquet.***

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Yesterday's level **124.30 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,280.68 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,834.76 feet**
Today's Inflow **1,522 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **279 cusecs**	Today's Inflow **845 cusecs**
Today's Outflow **1,313 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **0 cusecs**	Today's Outflow **700 cusecs**

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- *The sun is so far from Earth that sunlight takes 8 minutes to reach us!*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

A teacher was explaining difficult words and asking the students to make a sentence.
Teacher: The next word is 'anonymous.' It means, without a name. Now make a sentence with it.
Billy: The new baby in our house is anonymous!!

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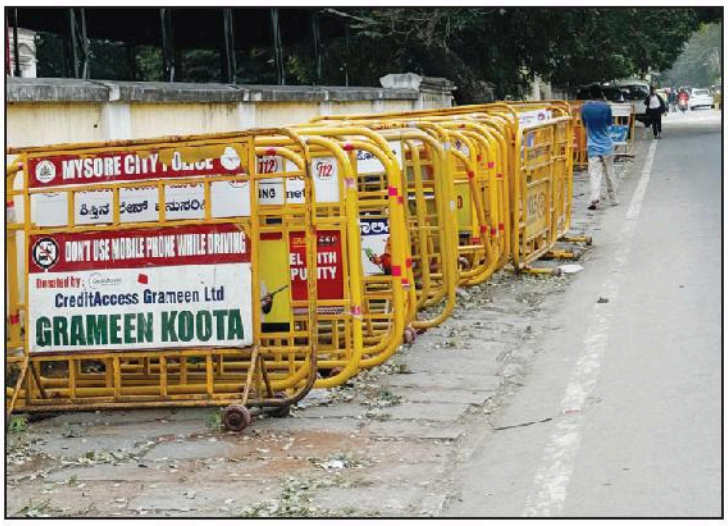
VOICE OF THE READER

Clear obstruction of footpath on Dewan's Road for safety



Sir,

This is to highlight a pressing public concern regarding the obstruction of the footpath in front of the Devaraja Traffic Police Station on Dewan's Road.

The footpath, intended for the safe movement of pedestrians, has been blocked by unattended barricades left along the walkway.

As a result, students, senior citizens and other pedestrians are forced to walk on the main road, putting them at significant risk from vehicular traffic.

Given the direct impact on public safety, I kindly request you to publish this grievance and urge the authorities to take immediate action to clear the footpath and ensure its proper usage for public convenience.

—Shashank S. Holla
Mysuru
30.12.2024

State-level Cricket Tournament in city from tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 3- Kalpavruksha Samskruthika Parishat Trust will be conducting a two-day cricket tournament from tomorrow (Jan. 4) at Puttaraja Gawai Stadium in J.P. Nagar.

The tournament will be inaugurated at 9 am by former MUDA Chairman H.V. Rajeev in the presence of Sri Illai Alwar Swamiji of Vangipura Nambi Mutt in Melukote.

The trophy will be unveiled by former MLA M.K. Somashekar while MLA Ganesh Prasad will offer floral tributes to 'Nadadevate.' Chutuku Yugacharya Dr. M.G.R. Urs will preside.

Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya, Karnataka State Shivarchakara Sangha Treasurer Girish Chamundaiah and CESC Assistant Engineer C.S. Praveen will be the chief guests.

State Shivarchakara Sangha President Prof. Mallanna will preside over the valedictory on Jan. 5. Karnataka State College Lecturers Association President Dr. P. Satyanarayan will distribute the trophies. MLA T.S. Srivatsa, Omprakash, Shakti Jeevan, Sangha's former President S. Pradeep will be the chief guests [Mob: 96068-95286].

Special lecture at Natana

Lakshmisha

Mysuru, Jan. 3- A special lecture on 'Spirituality in Acting' will be delivered by Scholar Lakshmisha Tolpadi at Natana Rangashale in Ramakrishnanagar on Jan. 5 (Sunday) at 11 am. 'Mahapeede Mahablu' comedy play written and directed by Rajendra Karanth will be staged at 6.30 pm. Contact Mob: 72595-37777.

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Union Minister to chair DISHA meeting tomorrow

Kumaraswamy

Mysuru, Jan. 3- Union Minister for Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy (HDK) will chair the DISHA (District Level Development Co-ordination and Monitoring) Committee quarterly meeting at Abdul Nazir Sab auditorium in Zilla Panchayat premises in the city on Jan. 4 at 11 am.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Health check-up camp on Jan. 7

NJS Charitable Trust, in association with Mysuru Veerashaiva Sajjana Sangha, has organised a free Health check-up camp at Kanti Mallanna Kalyana Mandira, Near Mandi Police Station, Kabir Road, Mandi Mohalla, from 9.30 am to 2 pm on Jan. 7. For registration and details, contact Mob: 94487-53597, 99161-55453, 94487-38657, according to a press release.

Pulse diagnosis

Sri Ravishankar Guruji's Art of Living has organised 'Naadi Pariksha' (pulse diagnosis) camp on Jan. 5 at Art of Living Ashram on Lalithadripura Road in city. For appointment, contact Mob: 98861-86580, according to a press release.

Coaching class

The KSOU Competitive Exams Coaching Centre will be shortly commencing a 45-day coaching class for Bank recruitment exams. Interested candidates can register before Jan. 8 (between 10 am and 4 pm on all working days). For registration, contact Ph: 0821- 2515944.

Public consultation meet

Ahead of its Budget (2025-26) presentation, the Hootagalli City Municipal Council (CMC) will be holding the first round of public consultation meeting at its premises in Hootagalli KHB Colony on Jan. 8 at 3 pm. The members of the public residing in Hootagalli CMC limits can take part and come up with their suggestions and advice. Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikantha Reddy, who is also the Hootagalli CMC Administrative Officer, will preside over the meeting, according to a press release.

DLSA invites applications

The Mysuru District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) has invited applications from qualified candidates for appointment of Chief Legal Services Officer (1 post), Deputy Chief Legal Services Officer (2 Posts) and Assistant Legal Services Officer (2 posts) that are lying vacant in its LADCS (Legal Aid Defence Counsel System) office. The appointments are on a 2-year contract basis with monthly salary. The interested candidates can obtain the prescribed application form from the DLSA office and submit the same along with the required records at the Office of the Member-Secretary, DLSA, 5th cross, Jayanagar, before Jan. 10, according to a press release.

Two persons murdered over petty issues

- Row over feeding cucumber to kid ends in brother killing his sister at Kollegal
- Man killed for not giving money to buy liquor at Nanjangud

Iman Banu

Syed Farman

Kollegal/Nanjangud, Jan. 3 (KS)- In separate cases two persons including a woman have been allegedly murdered over petty issues at Kollegal and Nanjangud.

While a brother slit the throat of his sister at Kollegal, an auto driver was stabbed to death with a beer bottle for refusing to give money to buy liquor at Nanjangud.

Kollegal: Syed Farman Pasha, a resident of Eidgah Mohalla in Kollegal town allegedly murdered his sister Iman Banu (25), by slitting her throat besides assaulting his father and sister-in-law, who rushed to the help of Iman Banu. Kollegal town Police have arrested Syed.

On Wednesday night during dinner, Syed was feeding cucumber to his brother's five-year-old son when his sister-in-law told him not to feed cucumber as the child was suffering from fever, during which, Iman Banu scolded Syed and asked her sister-in-law to give the child medicine and before putting him to sleep.

Irked over his sister scolding him, Syed picked up a fight with his sister and allegedly slit her throat with a knife and killed her. When his father Syed Pasha and sister-in-law Tasleem Banu intervened, he reportedly assaulted them causing severe injuries.

On hearing the commotion, neighbours rushed to Syed's house and shifted the injured to a hospital where first-aid was provided to both and later, Syed Pasha was shifted to a hospital in Chamarajanagar and Tasleem was shifted to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru for further treatment.

Based on the complaint from Syed Pasha's son Syed Roshan (elder brother of the accused), Kollegal Town Police, who registered a case, arrested the accused and have initiated further action.

Nanjangud: A man and his friend in drunken stupor, allegedly stabbed an auto driver to death with a beer bottle for refusing to give them money to buy liquor.

Rafiq Pasha

The deceased is Rafiq Pasha (40), a resident of Saraswathi Colony in the town.

On Wednesday at about 11.30 pm, when Rafiq was walking in front of the scrap yard on Saraswathi Colony Road towards his house, one Saleem of Neelakanta Nagar and his friend, who were fully drunk, waylaid Rafiq and demanded money from him besides threatening to kill him and picked up a fight with Rafiq. They then stabbed Rafiq with a beer bottle and fled from the spot.

Meanwhile, passersby rushed Rafiq, who was lying in a pool of blood, to the Government Hospital, where he was given first-aid and later shifted him to K.R. Hospital in Mysuru where Rafiq succumbed to injuries yesterday afternoon, Police said. Circle Inspector Sunil Kumar and staff visited the spot and took accused Saleem and his friend into custody and are investigating.

A case has been registered at Nanjangud Town Police Station.

Three Cops suspended

They are accused of extorting money from tourist vehicles at KRS

Mandya, Jan. 3 (KS)- A Head Constable and two Constables, attached to KRS Police Station have been suspended on charges of allegedly harassing drivers of tourist vehicles and extorting money from them.

The suspension orders have been issued by Mandya Superintendent of Police (SP) Mallikarjun Baladandi to Head Constable Purushotham and Constables Anil Kumar and Prabhuswamy.

As thousands of tourists arrive to view KRS Dam, these three Police personnel were deployed at KRS for bandobust and to maintain hassle-free traffic.

However, the Constables were reportedly extorting money from tourist vehicles by targeting tourist vehicles from Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and other States which led to tourists complaining about the inconvenience caused by the Police personnel.

Members of the public, who had videographed the Constables demanding money and forcibly collecting the same from the drivers, had uploaded the videos on social media platforms, which had gone viral. It is learnt that the public had also lodged complaints with Police Officers in this regard.

Taking the issue seriously, Mandya SP Mallikarjun Baladandi, has issued orders suspending the Head Constable and two Constables.

It is said that though several complaints were made against the three Police staff, no action was initiated by higher officers. Fed up with official apathy, the public uploaded the videos of the Constables extorting money from tourist vehicles on various social media platforms, forcing the Police authorities to initiate action against the erring Constables.

Student goes missing

T. Narasipur, Jan. 3 (KS)- A 16-year-old student, who left his house on Dec. 25 night has since gone missing.

The missing student is R. Puneeth, son of Ravi and a resident of Dasanayakara Street in T. Narasipur. Puneeth was pursuing his 1st PU course at Vivekananda College in Bannur.

Those having any information about the missing student may contact T. Narasipur Police Station on Ph: 08227-261227, according to a press release.

MUDA 50:50 sites scam

Former MLAs Ramdas, Nagendra appear before Lokayukta SP

Former MLAs L. Nagendra** (left) **and S.A. Ramdas seen at the Lokayukta SP Office in Mysuru yesterday.

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (BLU&VNS)- Former BJP MLAs S.A. Ramdas and L. Nagendra appeared before the Lokayukta Police here yesterday for questioning with respect to a case filed against Chief Minister Siddaramaiah in connection with the alleged illegal allotment of sites under 50:50 scheme by Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA).

Ramdas, who arrived at the Lokayukta SP Office at 3 pm, was questioned for a couple of hours while Nagendra was questioned for an hour from 5 pm. Nagendra had earlier served as MUDA Chairman and Ramdas was also a member of the MUDA Board on earlier occasion.

The Lokayukta sleuths are said to have questioned the BJP leaders with issues related to alleged illegal allotment of 14 sites by MUDA under the 50:50 scheme. However, there is no further information in this regard.

Meanwhile, Ramdas did not prefer to answer the media persons waiting outside the Lokayukta SP Office.

It may be recalled that the Karnataka High Court Bench headed by Justice Nagaprasanna has set Jan.30 deadline for Lokayukta SP to submit the report on MUDA 50:50 sites scam.

MP Yaduveer submits documents to MCC in support of 'Princess Road'

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar submitting documents to MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff in city yesterday as former Mayor Sandesh Swamy and others look on.

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (SBD&BS)- Not willing to let down his stand on retaining the name of his ancestor, christened for KRS Road in city as 'Princess Road,' Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar submitted relevant documents to Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Shariff on Thursday.

Yaduveer, accompanied by a posse of BJP leaders, who walked into MCC Office from the MP's Office in Command Area Development Authority (CADA) Office Complex, met the MCC Commissioner in Jayachamarajenda Wadiyar Old Council Hall, in the first floor and submitted a memorandum, along with suitable records to disprove the claims that there were no official records in support of Princess Road.

Yaduveer, who urged the MCC Commissioner to change his stance in this regard, said he had submitted some of the historical and latest documents to prove that the road is known as 'Princess Road.'

No mention post-1999

Speaking to media persons, Yaduveer said, there is no mention of Princess Road in the records available with MCC from 1999 onwards. Hence, we have submitted the documents and information that contain the reference of Princess Road. There is also a mention of Princess Road in the address of Railway Museum in Yadavagiri. As a further evidence, the map of the city from 1909 till date identifies the road as 'Princess Road' and the Aadhaar card of the local residents also cites 'Princess Road' in the residential address.

"All the historical and latest documents have been submitted to MCC Commissioner. I am confident that the MCC Commissioner will change his stand, after examining all the documents. The Commissioner has also assured to scrutinise the records submitted to him," said Yaduveer.

Legal battle?

To a query on Congress leaders sounding adamant over renaming the road as 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga,' Yaduveer said "We have already clarified our stand and if the naysayers continue to go ahead with their plans, we shall be waging a legal battle. Earlier, when there was a similar bid to rename Vani Vilas Road, the Court had ruled in our favour, categorically instructing that 'no changes should be made to historical names.'

Answering to a question on whether the issue has been politicised, Yaduveer said, the core of the issue is nothing but politics, without any ounce of doubt. As is the procedure, any decision should be ratified by the MCC Council. But, the election to MCC is yet to be conducted. The moot question is: **Can the MCC Council decide in the absence of elected representatives?**

MUDA scam

The 50:50 sites scam at Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and multi-crore scam at Karnataka State Maharshi Valmiki Scheduled Tribes Development Corporation Limited have been revealed, with the probe agencies investigating into them. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is an accused in MUDA scam and how fair it would be to rechristen the road after Siddaramaiah. The Congress should think, so also the officials, with the investigation into MUDA scam still on, said Yaduveer.

On the recent disparaging remark of KPCC Spokesman M. Lakshmana ridiculing his royal lineage, Yaduveer shrugged it off saying, there was no need to comment on personal criticisms and insults.

"Such criticisms in modern India have no potential. I am elected by the people and hence I am working for the cause of the people," said MP Yaduveer.

Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, former Corporator Sathwik Sandesh Swamy, BJP leaders B.M. Raghu, Rakesh Gowda, Mahesh Raje Urs and others accompanied the MP to the MCC Office.

DOCUMENTS FOR ALL?

Former Mayor Sandesh Swamy took pot-shots at the MCC's stand, demanding relevant records for all. "There are no relevant records for the Roads and Circles that have been christened in the last six to seven years. Is there any record to show the MCC Old Council Hall is named after Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar?" he asked.

Swamy said, during his tenure as Mayor of the city, about 90 places had been christened, but still nobody calls the Circle on Mysuru-Bengaluru Outer Ring Road as Kempegowda Circle. There is also a Court ruling that prohibits any changes in the names in use. The MCC Officials should function without creating any confusions over the tradition and history of Mysuru, he said.

KSRTC bus fare gets dearer; hike to be effective from Jan. 5

Bengaluru, Jan. 3 (KMS& BS)- In what may be heavy on the pocket of bus commuters, the proposal to hike bus fare by 15% by all the four Road Transport Corporations (RTCs) including KSRTC of the State has been approved by the State Cabinet on Thursday. The revised fare will come into effect from Jan. 5.

The Cabinet approved the recommendations made by Chief Secretary (CS) headed High-Level Committee, that included the hike in bus fare, development works and basic infrastructural facilities for passengers.

The Transport Corporations were financially overburdened with the increase in diesel price, automobile spare parts, labour wages and the purchase of new buses. Collectively, the Road Transport Corporations were incurring a loss of Rs. 3,650 crore per annum, that can be reduced at least by 50 percent with the revenue generated by the hike in bus fare. However, the decision whether to hike the fare charged in city or rural routes will be taken by the respective Corporations.

In the coming days, RTCs shall be giving more impetus towards implementing the recommendations of the Committee in toto to augment its resources and to purchase Electric buses or EVs.

After the implementation of Shakti Scheme, the daily passenger density has gone up from 80 lakh to 1.05 crore, with highest of 26 lakh women passengers alone. The increase in passengers and paucity of number of buses had turned into a bigger challenge to deal with, that will be addressed by purchasing additional buses, as recommended by the Committee.

False propaganda by BJP against Priyank Kharge

Dalit Federation stages protest in city

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (GA&TRR)- Alleging false propaganda by the BJP leaders against Minister Priyank Kharge, activists of Federation of Dalit Organisations staged a protest in front of Mahatma Gandhi's bust near Law Courts here yesterday.

They criticised BJP leaders including BJP State President B.Y. Vijayendra, Leader of Opposition in Legislative Council Chalavadi Narayanaswamy and MLC C.T. Ravi for trying to wrongly implicate Minister Priyank Kharge in the suicide case of contractor Sachin Panchal of Bidar.

"BJP leaders who visited the house of Sachin on the pretext of consoling his family members are making politically motivated and baseless allegations against the Minister which is not correct. In the death note, Sachin has mentioned only the name of his relative. Police are investigating but BJP leaders are deliberately indulging in false propaganda against Kharge by displaying a photo of the Minister with rowdy-sheeter Raju Kapanur, whose name was mentioned in the death note of Sachin," the protestors said.

Continuing, they said that Priyank Kharge has exposed many scandals of State and Central BJP leaders and unable to bear this, the anti-Dalit BJP leaders are unnecessarily dragging his name in the suicide case.

"BJP leaders have no moral right to demand Kharge's his resignation. If they continue with this, we will intensify our protests across State," they warned.

State President of Karnataka Mallikarjun Kharge Fans Association C. Narendra, leader C.S. Raghu, DSS Convenors Uma Madev, Bilikere Swamy, Pailwan Krishnappa, advocates Kantharaju, Nagaraj Bandipalya and others participated.

Abracadabra... Abracadabra...

By K.B. Ganapathy

Musings on New Year 2025

What ails once Tourist Paradise Brindavan Gardens?

If X-Mas is here can New Year be far behind? Before you are done with your X-Mas cake, the New Year beckons you with whiskey bottles for a bash. Revelry begins with good news of New Year resolutions and ends with bad news of drunken brawls and road accidents.

These two days of the Christian calendar are of great attraction to students and youngsters ready to spend money and spare time. For some seniors home is ideal and to some daughters' home is comfortable.

Some go to exotic places in the company of friends. Those who are Club-birds generally settle for Clubs where they go in style and leave toping, embarrassing the charming ladies. Let it be.

As for me, I decided to stay at home for reasons of health, age and failure to find friends as when young and spirited! And then, the New Year surprise happened. A friend suggested we check-in to the heritage Brindavan Hotel at KRS that has seen the glorious days of Wadiyar dynasty.

White and Brown Sahebs stayed and frolicked there drinking and dancing celebrating Christmas and New Years. Hoping the hotel overlooking the famous Brindavan Gardens may have retained its old world charm, I intuitively agreed without a second thought.

It was a pleasant evening, there was a nip in the air but alas, there were no flowers in the Garden, naturally no fragrance. I had experienced the subtle fragrance of jasmine, rose and sampige wafting in the air there decades ago since I first visited the Brindavan Gardens in 1958. At that time it had become known all over India, even abroad, because of a famous dance sequence shot in the Gardens with Sandhya and Gopi Krishna for the Hindi film of V. Shantaram '*Jhanak Jhanak Payal Baaje*.' It became so famous that a painting of a scene from the film was done on the inner wall of the Northern Jayarama-Balarama Arch Gates of the Mysore Palace. In later years, they ruined it in the name of restoring the fading painting and now it is gone.

A PORTRAIT OF KRISHNA RAJA WADIYAR IV WITH THE LEGEND: ***Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV (June 4, 1884 - August 3, 1940) Maharaja Krishnaraja Wadiyar IV was the twenty-fourth Maharaja of Mysuru Kingdom. He is often regarded as the "Father of Modern Mysore." At the time of his death, he was one of the world's wealthiest King, with a personal fortune estimated in 1940 to be worth US $400 million. During his regime Mysore became the first Indian State to generate hydroelectric power in Asia and Bangalore was the first Asian city to have street lights. He laid KRS Dam Foundation Stone on the 11th November 1911. The dam was built across the river Kaveri and completed in 1924.***

Thereafter, Brindavan Gardens became a great tourist attraction and a favourite outdoor shooting location for films of all languages, like what Kashmir was.

Sadly, the attraction of these two places is no longer there for Film Producers, Brindavan Gardens is garden only in name and Kashmir is haven for terrorists. Thanks to our politicians.

The credit for building Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam goes to the Mysore King Krishna Raja Wadiyar IV and his Dewan Sir M. Visvesvaraya. The credit for giving us Brindavan Gardens goes to the **Dewan of Mysore Sir Mirza Ismail** who shaped it after the Mughal style Shalimar Garden in Kashmir, Srinagar, near the Dal Lake. A few years back I visited the Shalimar (Mughal) Garden and was disappointed. Now this New Year's day too, I was disappointed with the Brindavan Gardens.

A flower garden is a living organism. It has to be attended with tender care every day, which is why we have horticulturists with required qualification to maintain the garden. They also must have a sense of beauty and aesthetics to form the layouts, prepare the flower-beds, lay the lawns and create water bodies. However, if they love money more than the garden, then you will not find a garden but a "work in progress" board. **We read in newspapers heavy budgetary allocation for Brindavan Gardens but we do not see the change on the ground.** Only change this time I saw was paving of walking paths with concrete blocks.

This is the season of flower shows but the Brindavan Gardens was looking barren. Flower beds are sans flowers, only dug up to prepare the beds. No captivating showers of fountains like before. When R. Gundu Rao was the Chief Minister he introduced the Musical Fountain, a great attraction and also piped music all over the vast 65-acre garden area. Apart from these, it also had topiary works of animals and birds, pergola etc. There used to be gentle water jets in the flowing canal with walkways on either side and ping-pong balls would be dancing at the tip of the water jet — a great wonder and attraction for children, specially. Now none. Work in progress!

In the evening, there was illumination which was in low-key. May be because of the national mourning in honour of Dr. Manmohan Singh, former Prime Minister who passed away on Dec. 26. Anyway, Brindavan Gardens is no longer what it was in the 1980s and before. **There is utter chaos in the parking and entry area. Tourists will come because we are too many people in a vast country. But after the experience, one may not venture a second visit nor will recommend the garden as a must visit.** There is the dam and water is plenty, but lawns are dry. No proper, responsible upkeep of the garden. May be due to too much of politics and little of love for the Brindavan Gardens.

After seeing the fate of the Brindavan Gardens, the poor condition of access road, exploitative behaviour of the toll collectors and those who collect the parking fee, the entry fee, the road-side shops and eateries, in a disorderly and chaotic condition, one would feel like running away from the place as quickly as one could. **The gate collection, I am told, is very good and with that income alone the authorities can maintain the garden in good shape during every season of the year — summer, monsoon and winter.**

When I left the Royal Orchid Brindavan Garden Palace & Spa next morning the only thought that crossed my mind was: Dewan Sir Mirza Ismail must be turning in his grave in grief at the utter neglect of his dream garden that he created with so much of aesthetics and love.

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PIC. 1: ***A marble bust of Krishna Raja Wadiyar IV in Brindavan Gardens.*** *PIC. 2:* ***Statue of Goddess Cauvery on the wall of KRS Dam.*** *PIC. 3:* ***A view of the Dam lit with coloured lights from the hotel.*** *PIC. 4:* ***The only area flush with green beds in horse-shoe shape with the hotel in the background and Congress grass in the foreground.*** *PIC. 5: OLD GLORY:* ***Flooring tiles of the hotel.***

City BJP stages protest

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Earlier, the City and District BJP leaders, including former MP Prathap Simha, State BJP Minority Morcha President Dr. Anil Thomas, former Chairman of Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA) Hemanth Kumar Gowda, former Chairman of Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) Yashaswi Somashekar, workers of all the morchas of the party, were staging a protest, in front of Cheluvamba Park.

They wanted to take out a silent rally till PKTB Sanatorium, when the Police restrained them, for not obtaining Police permission for the march.

This led to a wordy duel between the protestors and the Police, leading to a high drama, as Nagendra and other leaders of the party, squatted on the spot and raised slogans, daring the Police to stop them.

The Police took them into preventive custody and took them in vans to City Armed Reserve (CAR) Police Ground near Chamundi Hill, where they were released later.

As a precautionary measure, Police had been deployed near the Railway Under Bridge Junction after H.C. Dasappa Circle, from where KRS Road begins, Vontikoppal Circle and Mathrumandali Circle, to thwart any change in plans of the protestors.

ACP of Vijayanagar Sub-Division S.G. Gajendra Prasad, V.V. Puram Inspector Vivekananda and Metagalli Inspector Diwakar, J.L. Puram Inspector Kumar, Hebbal Inspector A. Mallesh, Vijayanagar Inspector Suresh, Devaraja Inspector Shivakumar, V.V. Puram Traffic Inspector Lava and Sub-Inspector Gowtham Gowda were present.

Cashless medical service to KSRTC employees

Bengaluru, Jan. 3 (Agencies)- New year brings a good news for the employees of Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation (KSRTC), as the State Government has announced unlimited cashless medical services facility to them. In the next and second phase, the same benefit will be extended to the employees of Kalyana Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (KKRTC), Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) and North Western Karnataka Road Transport Corporation (NWKRTC).

The cashless medical services for KSRTC employees will come into effect from Jan. 6, with which Karnataka becomes the first among the States, to implement the facility to employees of Government owned Road Transport Corporation (RTC).

About 225 hospitals in the State including Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Narayana Hrudayalaya, HCG in Bengaluru, are among the list of empanelled hospitals to provide the facility.

The treatment for all types of ailments including those related to eyes are covered. Earlier, the KSRTC employees enjoyed the benefit of reimbursement of medical expenses. However, they had to arrange the money in prior to meet the expenditure. Now, with the new facility being implemented, the KSRTC employees will be issued the Health Card, by producing which they can avail treatment at the empanelled hospitals, said KSRTC Chairman S.R. Srinivasa.

The permanent employees have to bear Rs. 650 per annum towards the premium amount, while KSRTC will add 5% more to the total premium amount. While the trainee staff are exempted from paying the premium amount, said Srinivasa.

KSRTC has a total of 34,000 employees, while the total number of employees from all the four RTCs is calculated at 1.15 lakh. Apart from the employees, his or her spouse, children and parents are eligible to utilise the facility.

Why such large Police deployment?!

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (OSR)- Morning walkers to Cheluvamba Park and commuters who were on their way to work on Princess Road called *Star of Mysore* office this morning and complained that an otherwise peaceful protest march turned into a traffic hindrance because of overzealous policing.

Mahesh Bellur, an employee of a factory on KRS Road, called to say that the barricades did more to hinder traffic than manage the BJP activists.

A resident of Yadavagiri and Founding President Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) Bhamy V. Shenoy said, "It was an unbelievable scene when we went to Cheluvamba Park where Vivekananda Statue is located. There were more Police force than the BJP protestors. What is the need for use of such a large army of Police as well as reserve guards?"

He further added saying, "A protest where many of the protestors were women is seldom aggressive so there was no need for such a massive deployment of Police force."

Other morning walkers observed that there was a plan to take protestors into custody when they walk towards VV Puram Police Station on Princess Road and questioned "What rule have the protestors violated? One should be able to protest in a peaceful way in democracy, a principle supported by all political parties. In fact, the very act of Police taking protestors into custody may result in violence which otherwise would have been peaceful.

Some asked, "Let us assume they indeed violated some rule. Police could have framed charges and it would have prevented any violence. Traffic was diverted and it further resulted in creating problems to the public. Also, Police would have spent more money in getting so many buses and personnel to protest areas which is a total waste."

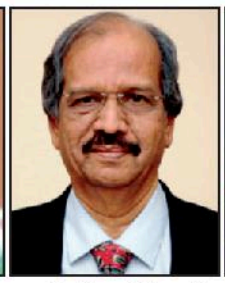
In the Pink...

It is that time of the year again when the tabebuias (pink and yellow) bloom in Mysuru. Picture shows the line of trees with Pink tabebuias (Tabebuia rosea) in full bloom on the Crawford Hall Road in city this morning. *[Pic. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]*

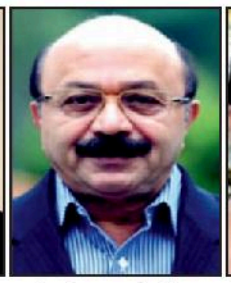
23rd Edition of Geeth Gaatha Chal

Doctors to present Musical Nite at Kalamandira on Jan. 5

Dr. K.R. Dakshayani
Chief Guest



Dr. Umesh Kamath
Chief Patron



Dr. Jagannath Shenoy & Mrs. Kusuma Shenoy
Sponsors of the Event

Dr. Somnath Vasudeva
Organising Chairperson

Mysuru, Jan. 3- The cultural city of Mysuru is abuzz with excitement as it eagerly awaits the 23rd Edition of 'Geeth Gaatha Chal,' the most popular musical nite by doctors and their family members.

Scheduled to be held at Kalamandira auditorium on Hunsur Road in city on Jan. 5 (Sunday) from 5 pm to 9 pm, this much-anticipated event will be inaugurated by chief guest Dr. K.R. Dakshayani, Dean and Director of Mysore Medical College and Research Institute (MMC&RI).

'Geeth Gaatha Chal' has become a cherished tradition in Mysuru celebrated for its unique concept of bringing together doctors and their family members to present a mesmerising musical extravaganza. With karaoke renditions of super-hit Hindi and Kannada film songs, the programme resonates deeply with audiences of all ages, taking them on a delightful journey through the golden era of Indian cinema.

Since its inception, the musical nite has been sponsored by the benevolent Dr. M. Jagannath Shenoy, a visionary entrepreneur and his wife Mrs. Kusuma Shenoy. Their unwavering support and patronage have been instrumental in nurturing and sustaining this iconic event. This year too, their generosity continues to shine, ensuring the programme's seamless execution and success.

> For the first time, 'Geeth Gaatha Chal' organisers have planned a special event this year called 'Aap Ki Farmaish'

The heart and soul of 'Geeth Gaatha Chal' is its Mentor and Chief Patron, Dr. C. Umesh Kamath. A guiding light for the participants, his dedication and passion have elevated the musical show to its current stature as a hallmark of musical excellence.

Adding a fresh dimension this year is the introduction of a new Organising Chairperson, Dr. Somnath Vasudeva. Known for his dynamic leadership and innovative ideas, Dr. Vasudeva's involvement is set to bring renewed energy and excitement to the event.

The 'Geeth Gaatha Chal-23' will feature an extraordinary lineup of talented singers including Dr. M.S. Natashekhar, Dr. A.L. Hemalatha, Dr. P.A. Kushalappa, Dr. Snehashree Nirmalkumar, Dr. U.G. Shenoy, Dr. Somnath Vasudeva, Dr. Seethalakshmy Somnath, Dr. Shyam Prasad, Dr. Amrutha Upadhya, Dr. Shivani Nayak, Dr. Sushma Krishnamurthy, Dr. U. Ganesh Rao, Dr. Sushma Arun, Apoorva Natashekhar, Sparsha Shenoy, Bhumika Arun and R.L. Varsha. This year, one guest singer, Shabbir will add a special sparkle to the musical evening. A special event has been planned for the first time this year called 'Aap Ki Farmaish.'

The event will be compered by the charismatic Syed Aftab Ahmed.

The 'Geeth Gaatha Chal-23' promises to be a memorable celebration of music, talent and camaraderie. Audiences can look forward to enchanting performances of timeless classics. The programme not only showcases the artistic flair of its participants but also reinforces the essence of community bonding and shared passion for music. It promises an evening filled with melodious nostalgia and unparalleled musical talent taking the audience down the memory lane.

Dr. Natashekhar

Dr. Hemalatha

Dr. Kushalappa

Dr. Snehashree

Dr. Shenoy

Dr. Seethalakshmy

Dr. Shyam

Dr. Amrutha

Dr. Shivani

Dr. Sushma

Dr. Ganesh Rao

Dr. Sushma

Apoorva

Sparsha

Bhumika

Varsha

Syed Aftab

Shabbir

Dr. A.K. Gopalarajan Memorial Day at Nadabrahma Sabha

Conferring of Nadabrahma title on Dr. Padma Murthy and 'Nadakishori' on Vidu. Akshata Rudrapatna

Akshata Rudrapatna

Dr. Padma Murthy

Vidu. Varada Kulkarni

Mysuru, Jan. 3- Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha will be celebrating the 69th Anniversary on Jan. 4 and 5. This is being conducted in memory of its earlier President for a decade who was also a noted surgeon of the city in yesteryears — Dr. A.K. Gopalarajan.

Dr. A.K. Gopalarajan

On Jan. 4 at 6 pm, it is customary to give a full-fledged performance by the winner of Nadakishorotsava-2024. First place was secured by Vidu. Akshata Rudrapatna. She will present a Karnatak Classical Vocal Concert accompanied by Vid. Aditya Manikarnika on violin, Vid. Pranav Subrahmanya on mridanga and Vid. Dheemanth Bhat on ghata.

This programme is sponsored in memory of late Smt. Rukmini Ammal and Sri Ramaswamy Iyengar by Madhuri Thathachari.

Profile: Born to R.N. Sheshadri and R.S. Anuradha, Akshata Rudrapatna, a graded artiste of AIR, is the disciple of Ganakalabhushana Vid. R.K. Padmanabha since 2002. Recipient of CCRT & Sangeetha Nritya Academy Scholarships, she has presented thematic and challenging performances in India and abroad.

On Jan. 5 at 6 pm, as part of Dr. A.K. Gopalarajan Memorial Day and Anniversary of Sabha, Dr. Padma Murthy will be conferred with the title 'Nadabrahma,' Vidu. Akshata Rudrapatna with the 'Nadakishori' title while Vidu. Pragna Adiga (2nd), Vid. S.S. Satwik & Vid. K.P. Pranav (3rd prize), Vid. Aditya Manikarnika (Best Violinist), Vid. Pranav Subrahmanya (Best Mridangist) and Vid. TRK Brothers (Best Male Vocalist - Ballary M. Venkateshachar Award) will receive the prizes won during 'Nadakishorotsava-2024' competitions.

'Nadabrahma' title & Cash Award is sponsored by Chitraveena N. Ravikiran in the name of Digvijaya Nadavani Nadabrahma Vidya Varidhi Vid. Gotuvadyam Narayana Iyengar for Musical Excellence; Cash Awards for Nadakishorothsava Winners is sponsored by Dr. K.V. Lakshmi Devi, K.V. Sarala S. Kumar and K.V. Umadevi.

Subsequently, Sri K.V. Venkateshiah and Smt. K.V. Girijamma Memorial Karnatak Classical Vocal Concert will be presented by Vidu. Varada Shridhar Kulkarni. She will be accompanied by Dr. Veena Suresh on violin, Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching. This concert is sponsored by fraternity of Doctors and well-wishers.

Profile: The 92-year-old Dr. Padma Murthy has a Mysuru connection. Born to freedom fighter T.S. Rajagopal Iyengar and Jayalakshmi on July 24, 1932, Dr. Padma trained under Music stalwarts Mysore Vasudevacharya, Pitilu Chowdiah, T. Puttaswamaiah, Thitte Krishna Iyengar, Ralapalli Ananthakrishna Sharma and others.

She learnt Veena from noted musicians H.S. Krishnamurthy and R.S. Keshavamurthy. Her husband T.S. Murthy is a renowned violinist.

Getting a Doctorate Degree from Bangalore University for her thesis on 'The Psychology of Music', Dr. Padma headed the Department of Performing Arts of Bangalore University.

Varada, daughter of Shridhar and Gayatri Kulkarni, started learning Karnatak Classical Music at the young age of 6 initially under the guidance of Vid. Kamala Murthy and Vid. Aparna Murthy. Later she continued with Vid. Shrimati Parthasarathy and achieved distinction in her Karnatak Vocal senior exam. Currently she is under the guidance of Swaralayaratna Vid. Charulata Ramanujam, Ganakalashree Vid. Kalavathy Avadhoot and Ganakalashree Vid. H.S. Sudhindra.

She has had the honour of performing at the 94th birth anniversary of *Padma Bhushan* Dr. Gangubai Hangal and the 60th memorial anniversary of Pandit Sawai Gandharva.

She is also a devoted teacher, imparting her knowledge to young aspirants of music.

Two-day lifestyle expo begins

FROM LEFT: *Suma Mahesh, Ramya Gowda, Roopa Gunashekar, Rajashree Bhartesh, Dr. Sonia Mandappa, Smitha Balu, Shobha, Geetha, Latha, Kalpana and Alpa during the inauguration of the lifestyle expo at Hotel Regenta Central Javaji in city this morning.*

Mysuru, Jan. 3- The two-day lifestyle exhibition organised by 'High Style' was jointly inaugurated by Dr. Sonia Mandappa, Roopa Gunashekar and Rajashree Bhartesh at Hotel Regenta Central Javaji in city this morning.

Organisers Smitha Balu and H.M. Ramya were also present on the occasion.

Artisans and vendors from various cities are exhibiting their products including exquisite silk sarees, designer clothing and some unique artefacts at this fashion and lifestyle exhibition-cum-sale, which will be open for visitors today and tomorrow from 11 am to 8.30 pm.

Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji conferred 'Kannadambe Ratna' Award

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (GA&DM)- Vijayanagar Yoganarasimhaswamy temple Founder Prof. Bhashyam Swamiji was conferred with 'Kannadambe Ratna' State Award at a programme organised by Hootagalli's Kannadambe Rakshana Vedike at Vijayanagar's Yoganarasimhaswamy temple premises recently.

Speaking on the occasion, noted columnist Bannur K. Raju said that Bhashyam Swamiji has left his footmarks in spirituality through his vast and commanding knowledge of Vedas and Upanishad.

Pointing out that the Swamiji is generous in lending a helping hand to the needy, Raju said that though the Swamiji is a Sanskrit Scholar, he has contributed a lot for the enrichment of Kannada.

"If Bhashyam Swamiji was made the Vice-Chancellor of Karnataka Sanskrit University, then he would have got many Sanskrit works translated to Kannada and vice-versa. It is unfortunate that no Government made him the Vice-Chancellor, which is a loss for both the languages," he said, adding that the Government should make good use of the vast knowledge and contributions of the Swamiji.

Speaking after being conferred with the award, Bhashyam Swamiji said it is indeed a fortune that we are born as human beings. Maintaining that being born as humans is a big thing, he stressed on the need for humans to treat other living beings with humanity.

All religions preach humanity, kindness and peace. We must live in harmony by following religious principles and thus contribute positively for betterment of the world, he added.

Kannadambe Rakshana Vedike Founder President B.B. Rajashekar, office-bearers Nanjunda, Honnegowda, Ravigowda, Vishnu, Kiran, Srinivas and Bilikere Bhagya, Kannada activist D.P.K. Paramesh, former District Women's Co-operative Bank Director H. Vasantha Munish, blood donor Manju and others were present.

Narayana Medical Centre to launch Breast Clinic tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (KS) - Narayana Medical Centre at Vijayanagar in city will be launching its dedicated Breast Clinic tomorrow and the clinic is offering free breast screening and doctor consultations from Jan. 4 till Feb. 4.

The free screening and consultations are aimed at raising awareness about the importance of early detection and timely intervention in breast health. Women in Mysuru and surrounding places can make use of this opportunity.

This initiative is part of Narayana's commitment to improving women's health and aligns with this year's World Cancer Day theme 'United by Unique,' which emphasises the collective fight against cancer. For details, contact Narayana Medical Centre on Mob: 89040-04606, according to a press release.

Karnatak Vocal Concert

Vid. R.S. Manoj *Vid. Kartik* *Vid. Sai Shiv*

Mysuru, Jan. 3 - Vid. R.S. Manoj from the famed Chintanapalli family will be presenting a Karnatak Vocal concert at the residence of Mysore Vasudevacharya on Sunday (Jan. 5). He is being accompanied by Vid. Arunachala Kartik on violin and Vidu. Sai Shiv Lakshmi Keshav on mridanga. The concert is scheduled to start at 10.30 am.

Profiles

Vid. Manoj, who is a part of the esteemed Chintalapalli music family, carries with him the legacy of his grandfather Kalabhushana Hanumantha Bhatta, known for the Gudibande Brothers tradition. Guided by his mother Dr. Rajalakshmi Sudheendra, Vid. Manoj has been mentored by Vid. Achyutha Rao, a senior violinist in the State. An Electronics engineer by profession, young Manoj has an M.A. in Music and has performed at many places.

Vid. Arunachala Kartik, trained under Vid. C.N. Chandrasekhar and Vid. Parur M.S. Gopalakrishnan, and Vid. Sai Shiv, a leading disciple of Karikudi Mani, are both senior artistes with significant concert experience.

Desiranga Natakotsava on Jan. 6 and 8

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (MTY&VNS) - City's Desiranga Samskruthika Trust will be conducting a two-day theatre festival Jan. 6 and Jan. 8 at Kirurangamandira in Kalamandira premises, said Trust President Krishna Janamana.

Addressing the press persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan, he said that the plays will be staged by students who had attended the acting workshop organised by the Trust.

The theatre festival will be inaugurated by Progressive Thinker N. Diwakar at 6 pm. Senior Theatre Person D. Nagendra Kumar will be the chief guest. Department of Kannada and Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy will preside. This will be followed by the staging of the play 'Akka' written by Lingadevaru Halemane.

The valedictory event will be held on Jan. 8. Mysuru District Journalists Association President K. Deepak will deliver the valedictory address. Senior Theatre Person K.J. Kikkeri Narayana will distribute certificate to the students. Later, the play 'Yana' will staged. Entry tickets for show is priced at Rs. 100 each. Trust Secretary B.S. Dinamani was present at the press meet.

National-level chess tournament for hearing impaired

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (MTY&VNS)- The Mysore District Deaf Association (MDDA) for the first time will be hosting the 25th National Chess Championship for Hearing Impaired at Nityananda Kalyana Mantap in Vidyaranyapuram from Jan. 5 to 8, said MDDA President S. Murthy, here yesterday.

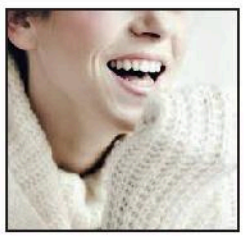
Addressing the press persons at Pathrakarthara Bhavan, he said a total of 180 chess players from 22 States would be taking part in the championship to be conducted in two categories — above 18 years men and women; below 18 years men and women.

The winners of the tournament will be awarded a cash prize of Rs. 2 lakh along with a trophy.

As part of the championship, free job mela has also been organised on Jan. 4 at Rahul Convention Hall in city for specially-abled for which 300 candidates have already registered, he said. For details contact Mob: 94483-15773.

WORD OF THE DAY

Beatific



Pronunciation: bee-uh-TIFF-ik (adjective).
Meaning: Beatific is a formal word that describes something or someone having a blissful appearance or showing complete happiness.
Origin: When it comes to bliss-themed words, it's hard to beat beatific. Since the 17th century, beatific has been all about that other b-word, first describing things that impart a feeling of complete and utter happiness, and later those beings with a blissful appearance. Not a bad gig if you can get it. Beatific comes from the Latin adjective beātificus, which means "making happy," and can be traced further back to the verb beāre, meaning "to make happy." Bliss, of course, is more like happiness cubed, so beatific tends to be used in formal speech and writing, and reserved for situations where happy itself doesn't quite cut the mustard. A beatific smile, for example, is one that suggests its wearer is content on a deeper-than-ordinary level, while a beatific location—say, a tranquil tropical lagoon or a majestic mountain—is one that instills such pervasive joy in its beholder.
Example: "Most vividly, there was Tracy Chapman, back on the Grammys stage after years out of the spotlight to sing 'Fast Car,' her gentle yet resolute anthem of self-determination, alongside Luke Combs, the country star who had a huge hit last year with a cover of the decades-old song. As Chapman sang and played guitar, she looked satisfied, serene, almost beatific." — Mikael Wood, The Los Angeles Times, 5 Feb. 2024.

THE ODD WORD

Beblubbered

Disfigured from weeping.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Bookworm

Meaning: The phrase 'Bookworm' refers to someone who reads a lot.
Origin: If you love to read books, you may have been called a 'bookworm'. The origin of the phrase "bookworm" probably originated as a somewhat derogatory term for a person who studied or read more than was usual. Bugs such as silverfish, book lice, and linoleum beetles were referred to as bookworms because they inhabited books.
Example: "She is such a bookworm! She seems to have a new book every day!"

QUOTE BOX

The person, be it gentleman or lady, who has not pleasure in a good novel, must be intolerably stupid. **—Jane Austen**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus

Answer: Top seed.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Tides that attain least height
5 Desire or long for
9 Maiden-name
12 Mystery writer ___ Stanley Gardner
13 Ms. Mukherjee of Bollywood
14 Southwest Indian
15 Competes
16 Occupying a clerical position, perhaps ? (2,6)
18 Don't reject
20 Lubricates with a liquid
21 A financial agreement between two organisations? (3-2)
23 Sounds of satisfaction
26 Lessees
29 Pessimist, sceptic or naysayer?
30 Largest active volcano in Japan
31 Feel
33 Certified Public Accountant, in short
34 Chocolate source
36 Most well-ventilated
38 Ballet skirt
39 Spanish hero and old time movie? (2,3)
40 Major or minor in the sky?
42 Stage whispers
46 Organized
49 Shield or heraldic border
50 Enjoyment
51 Arm bone
52 Man of Irish or Welsh origin
53 Golfers mound
54 ___ away with : succeeds in stealing?
55 Yes

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

M	O	A	B	■	B	O	A	T	■	C	M	C
A	R	I	A	■	S	U	P	S	■	L	E	U
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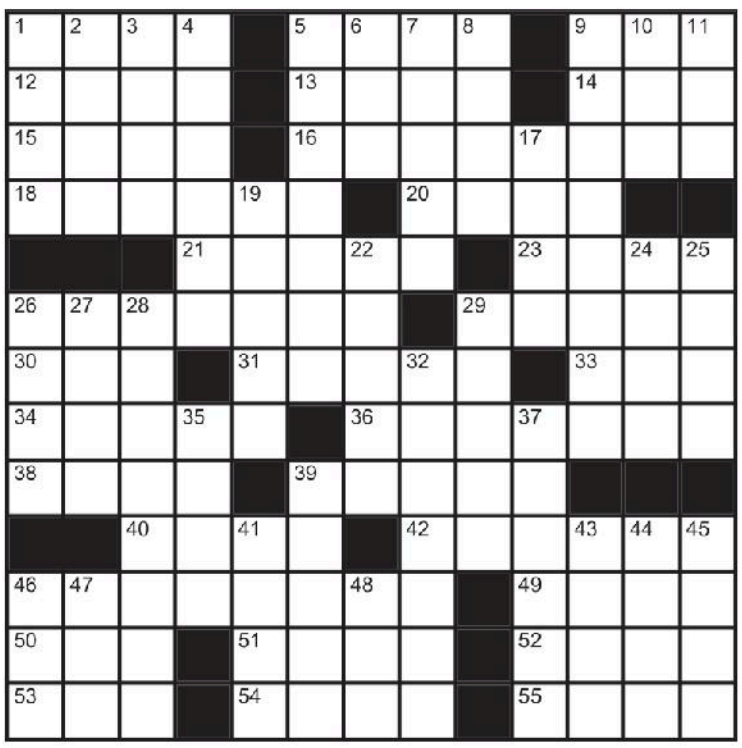
S	W	I	N	D	L	E	S	■	E	R	G	O
T	I	O	■	E	E	R	O	■	L	U	G	S
C	N	N	■	R	E	N	T	■	E	S	S	E

DOWN
1 Famous Russian river - "vane" anagram?
2 Guitarist ___ Clapton
3 Actor Guinness
4 Former monetary unit of Spain?
5 Pen something for somebody, should we say? (5,2)
6 Bond creator Fleming
7 Spy
8 Stereo (2-2)
9 Pest or irritation
10 And so on abbr.
11 Shoe box letters
17 Strip off skin or hide of; peel off
19 A spotted horse or a Goan surname?
22 Regular or customary
24 Joints between leg and trunk
25 Scare away
26 Diplomat's specialty
27 'An hairy man', brother to Jacob
28 Dreamy night music
29 Harris or Gayle of cricket
32 Loud insects
35 Distinctive air
37 Utter foolishness
39 2 under par
41 Comfortable
43 Suffer or endure - "reed" anagram?
44 Jazz singer ___ Fitzgerald
45 Title for a rich Gujarati, e.g.
46 Nautical direction
47 Have regrets
48 Tolkien's tree like creature



SUDOKU

	2	9	3	7				
7					5		4	
5				2				
	1	4						7
				9				
3						6	5	
				4				1
	3		1					4
				5	8	3	9	

Answer to previous puzzle

3	8	4	1	6	5	7	9	2
6	2	5	7	9	3	1	4	8
7	1	9	8	2	4	6	3	5
2	9	6	5	8	1	4	7	3
8	3	7	6	4	9	2	5	1
4	5	1	2	3	7	9	8	6
1	4	3	9	5	6	8	2	7
9	7	8	3	1	2	5	6	4
5	6	2	4	7	8	3	1	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

QU GFADU FLT SLCSLBSNDG DXCG XE AGFTSLI S KXWDT

LXM GHBZFLIG EXA FDD MZG ASBZGP XE SLTSF.

TODAY'S CLUE: I EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: To safeguard one's health at the cost of too strict a diet is a tiresome illness indeed.

MOVIE LOVERS

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  UI (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Guns and Roses (K) - 2 Shows; *Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** **Mob: 99008-20093**
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- **Lido Theatre** **Ph: 2420885**
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- **Rajkamal Theatre** **Ph: 2423554**
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DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

After The Breakup (K)	(S-1)	9.40 am
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	(S-1)	12.10 pm, 5.20 pm, 7.45 pm
UI (K)	(S-1)	2.35 pm, 10.10 pm
Sonic: The Hedgehog 3 (E)	(S-2)	11.25 am, 4.30 pm
Desakkaran (Ma)	(S-2)	1.55 pm
Marco (H)	(S-2)	7 pm, 10.10 pm
Haridasara Dinachari (K)	(S-3)	11.30 am
Kraven: The Hunter (E)	(S-3)	1.40 pm, 4.30 pm
A Legend (E)	(S-3)	7.20 pm
Identity (Ma)	(S-3)	10.05 pm
Max (K)	(S-4)	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm 7.05 pm, 10 pm

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Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)	(S-1)	1 pm
Swecha (K)	(S-1)	4.40 pm
UI (K)	(S-1)	6.55 pm; (S-3) 1.45 pm
Desakkaaran (Ma)	(S-1)	9.25 pm
Max (K)	(S-2)	1.10 pm, 3.50 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-3)	6.25 pm; (S-4) 11 am
Mufasa : The Lion King (E-3D)	(S-3)	11.25 am; (S-4) 1.45 pm, 6.55 pm
Kraven : The Hunter (E)	(S-4)	4.25 pm, 9.15 pm

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UI (K)	:	10.20 am, 7.40 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	10.30 am, 1.15 pm, 6.45 pm, 9.30 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (H-3D)	:	4 pm
Sonic: The Hedgehog 3 (E)	:	10.30 am, 1.25 pm, 6.45 pm
Kraven: The Hunter (E)	:	10.35 am, 3.55 pm, 9.15 pm
Marco (H)	:	1.10 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	10.30 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	3.05 pm
Baby John (H)	:	4.15 pm
Identity (Ma)	:	6.25 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (H)	:	9.45 pm
RM: Right People, Wrong Place (Korean)	:	1 pm

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Marco (H)	:	10.35 am
Kraven: The Hunter (E)	:	1.15 pm, 9.40 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	1.40 pm, 7.15 pm
After Breakup (K)	:	4.05 pm
UI (K)	:	4.25 pm, 10.15 pm
Guns and Roses (K)	:	6.45 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (Te)	:	10 pm

EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 3)

- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ganapathi Seva Mandali Trust, Ramakrishnanagar:** Srimad Bhagavata Saptaha, discourse by Vidushi Dr. Jyothi Shankar, Rajata Sabha Mantapa, Ganapathi Temple, I-Block, Ramakrishnanagar, **6 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam, Mysuru:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by K.S. Sridharan, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's College, Bengaluru, Sanatani Sabha, 2nd Main, 10th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.**

Ganabharathi, Mysuru

GURUVANDANA: Bharatanatyam recital by Vidu. R. Varshini, disciple of Guru Dr. Kripa Phadke, accompanied by Tanmayi Kishore on natuvanga, R. Rajeev on vocal, G.S. Nagaraj on mridanga and A.N. Raghu Simha on flute, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

Vidu. R. Varshini

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 4)

- **Sri Vani Vilas Ursu Girls School, Nazarbad:** Annual Sports Meet, Sri Jayachamaraja Urs Educational Institutions Hon. Secretary Mahesh N. Urs presides, retd. ASI M.S. Commando Subbanna chief guest, Balachandra Urs of Sri Jayachamaraja Urs Educational Trust lights Sports Torch, noted poet Dr. Jayappa Honnali main speaker, Siddappa of Sri Vani Vilas Ursu Educational Institutions will be present, School premises, **10 am.**
- **Badaganadu Balaga, Mysuru:** Sankranti Mela (Funfair), **10 am onwards;** Free health check-up camp, Badaganadu Bhavan, Ramakrishnanagar, **1 pm to 6 pm.**
- **Dastkaar Haat:** Indian Handloom and Handicraft Exhibition, Scouts & Guides Ground, behind Old DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Mysore Science Theatre Festival Trust, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) and Kuthuhali-Kannada:** Lise Meitner Day, showcasing the achievements and status of women scientists; Lecture on 'Lise Meitner: Life and Work' by Dhavala Suri, Assistant Professor at the Centre for Nanoscience and Engineering at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru; Lecture on 'Women & Science in India' by Nandita Jayaraj, a journalist who has studied women scientists and Lecture on 'Women Indian Scientists' by Kshama V. Bhanuprakash, Science Communicator, **4.30 pm to 6 pm;** Staging of play titled 'Mussanjeya Swagatagalu' on the life of Lise Meitner by Parivartana Ranga Samaja, Mysuru, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **4.30 pm to 8 pm.**
- **Paddy (Munna Bhai):** Retro Nite in Black and White with live music by Singer Algy and team, Jaganmohan Palace, **5.30 pm.**
- **Muddurama Pratishtana, Mysuru:** Pujya Sri Siddeshwara Memorial Lecture Programme, agriculturist-thinker Lakshmeesha Tolpadi delivers talk on 'Nature and Spirituality,' Chamarajanagar's Deenabandhu Trust Secretary G.S. Jayadeva will respond, Navajyoti Auditorium, JSS College for Women, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** 69th Dr. A.K. Gopalarajan Memorial Day and Anniversary of the Sabha, Karnatak Classical Vocal Concert by Vidu. Akshata Rudrapatna (winner of Nadakishorotsava-2024), accompanied by Vid. Aditya Manikarnika on violin, Vid. Pranav Subrahmanya on mridanga and Vid. Dheemanth Bhat on ghata [This programme is sponsored in memory of late Smt. Rukmini Ammal and Sri Ramaswamy Iyengar by Madhuri Thathachari], Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
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- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.**

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Sonic: The Hedgehog 3 (E)	:	11.10 am, 4.30 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E)	:	12.50 pm, 6.55 pm
Baby John (H)	:	1.15 pm
UI (K)	:	1.40 pm, 10.10 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	3.35 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	4.35 pm
Marco (H)	:	10.30 pm
Ustad Hotel (Ma)	:	7 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (K)	:	9.40 pm

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After Breakup (K)	:	11.15 am
Mufasa: The Lion King (H)	:	12.50 pm, 6.25 pm
Guns and Roses (K)	:	1.50 pm
Pushpa 2: The Rule (Te)	:	3.25 pm
Rifle Club (Ma)	:	4.50 pm, 7.30 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	7.25 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	9.10 pm
Identity (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

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